

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 NATO 05007 091527Z

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EURE-00 SS-15 NSC-05 SSO-00 NSCE-00

USIE-00 CIAE-00 PM-04 INR-07 L-03 ACDA-07 NSAE-00

PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 TRSE-00 NEA-10 INRE-00 /068 W

-----091555Z 002628 /53

O 091432Z JUN 77

FM USMISSION NATO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4097

SECDEF WASHDC IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L NATO 05007

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, NATO

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR AUTUMN FORGE 77

EXERCISE SERIES

1. INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS CIRCULATED THE DRAFT OF A PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE ON "AUTUMN FORGE 77 EXERCISE SERIES" TO BE ISSUED JULY 1, 1977. SINCE THE "AUTUMN FORGE" SERIES OF EXERCISES IS RELEVANT TO CSCE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE PROPOSES TO RAISE THE ISSUE AT THE JUNE 14 MEETING OF THE POLADS.

2. COMMENT: TEXT OF PROPOSED RELEASE SEEMS ANODYNE, WITH EXCEPTION OF FIRST SENTENCE, SECOND PARA, WHICH READS: "ALL NATO NATIONS WITH MILITARY FORCES COMMITTED TO THE DEFENCE OF THE WESTERN WORLD ARE SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAMME." IT WOULD LIKELY AVOID POSSIBLE WRANGLING AMONG ALLIES IF TEXT MORE CORRECTLY READ: "ALL NATIONS WITH MILITARY FORCES COMMITTED TO NATO ARE SCHEDULED...." END COMMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR JUNE 14 POLADS MEETING.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE:

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NATO 05007 091527Z

SHAPE - BELGIUM -- AUTUMN FORGE, THE NICKNAME FOR THE SERIES OF MILITARY EXERCISES CONDUCTED BY ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE (ACE) EACH YEAR WILL COMMENCE IN AUGUST.

ALL NATO NATIONS WITH MILITARY FORCES COMMITTED TO THE DEFENCE OF THE WESTERN WORLD ARE SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAMME. IT LINKS TOGETHER, UNDER A COMMON

SCENARIO, A NUMBER OF NATIONAL, MULTINATIONAL, AND NATO EXERCISES HELD THROUGHOUT EUROPE EACH AUTUMN. THERE ARE 31 EXERCISES PLANNED FOR THE SERIES THIS YEAR.

AUTUMN FORGE OBJECTIVES INCLUDE: TESTING AND REFINING THE CAPABILITY TO MOVE FORCES QUICKLY TO AREAS OF GREATEST NEED; EXPLORING WAYS TO IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPLY SYSTEMS BETWEEN COMMANDS AND NATIONS; AND IDENTIFYING AND EVALUATING AREAS FOR STANDARDISATION IN DOCTRINE, PROCEDURES, EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT OF NATO FORCES.

THESE OBJECTIVES ARE AN OUTGROWTH OF THE ACE-WIDE FORCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME INSTITUTED LAST AUGUST BY THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER EUROPE (SACEUR), GENERAL ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR. THAT PROGRAMME, AND THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S EXERCISE SERIES, IS CALLED "THE 3RS - READINESS, RATIONALISATION AND REINFORCEMENT." GENERAL HAIG BELIEVES THAT BY CONCENTRATING ON "THE 3RS" DURING THIS YEAR'S SERIES OF EXERCISES, NATO FORCES WILL BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN COMBAT READINESS.

SOME OF THE MAJOR EXERCISES IN THIS YEAR'S SERIES ARE COLD FIRE, A JOINT LAND/AIR EXERCISE IN THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN REGION; REFORGER 77, LAND/AIR EXERCISE IN WHICH US TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT EARMARKED FOR EUROPE ARE FLOWN TO GERMANY TO TRAIN WITH OTHER NATO FORCES; DISPLAY DETERMINATION, A SEA/LAND/AIR EXERCISE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA INVOLVING FORCES OF SOUTHERN REGION NATIONS, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES; AND ARROW EXPRESS, AN ACE

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 NATO 05007 091527Z

MOBILE FORCE EXERCISE IN THE NORTHERN REGION. THE SERIES CULMINATED IN LATE AUTUMN WITH ABLE ARCHER, AN ACE-WIDE COMMAND POST EXERCISE.

THE RESULTS OF ALL OF THE AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISES ARE EVALUATED BY ALL MILITARY COMMANDERS AND STAFFS CONCERNED TO DETERMINE THE IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY TO INSURE CONTINUED MILITARY READINESS IN THE CONTEXT OF NATO'S DETERRENT MISSION.

END TEXT. STREATOR

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PFOR
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 09-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977NATO05007
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: RR
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: n/a
Format: TEL
From: NATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770671/aaaackex.tel
Line Count: 108
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Message ID: 540bee7f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2207112
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR AUTUMN FORGE 77 EXERCISE SERIES
TAGS: MOPS, NATO
To: SECSTATE WASHDC WASHDC
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/540bee7f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009